GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INTER-STATE WATER DISPUTES
SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the expeditious solution of inter-State water disputes;

(b) whether the Government propose to implement Sarkaria panel report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further steps proposed by the Government to implement the Sarkaria Panel recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) The Inter-State Water Disputes Act,1956 was enacted to provide for the adjudication of disputes relating to waters of inter-State rivers and river valleys under Article 262 of the Constitution. The Commission on Centre- StateRelations (Sarkaria Commission), in its report, recommended amendments to the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956. These recommendations, inter-alia, pertain to the adjudication of the disputes by the tribunals in a time bound manner, to provide for effective implementation of their decisions and setting up of a data bank and information system at the national level for each river basin. A Bill to that effect called "The Inter-State Water Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 2001" has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 7.3.2001.